

My dear Jerry,

I have received from you this week, on the 23/3/33 in the afternoon, your cable handed in in Lugansk on the same day, and reading:

" FURTHER VIZA EXTENSION GRANTED AWAITING NEWS TRANSFER NORTH".

The last word is "mutilated" and could not be cleared up on "repeating" same in South Africa. It either means "NORTH" or "NOTE".

If I read it correctly, there has either been some hitch or hitches in connection with this transfer to Nijni-Novgorod, and which we shall not know until some letters arrive throwing some light on what transpired in the meantime; or, you cabled again, just to show "where you are", that you are still at Lugansk, and that you are awaiting your transfer papers "North" or "Transfer Note" to Nijni-Novgorod.

Judging from the past, such a transfer under "conditions" prevailing there may take weeks and even months, for the "machinery" responsible for such transfer is "known" to be very slow, indeed....

Then I have to acknowledge receipt of your ONE LONG LETTER (instead of several short ones, as you used to write in the past) this week. This long letter is dated the 17/2/33 and arrived here on the 23/3/33. I have also received from Aaron a letter from you dated 13/2/33 and another to "me" dated the 14/2/33. These two were short notes, congratulating Jane and Aaron the arrival of a new Niece. Aaron was a bit slow in sending these over, and by missing the post, I could not acknowledge receipt of ~~these~~ these two letters, last week.

Your long interesting letter makes MOST INTERESTING reading, especially since it covers a wide field, and throws much light on what is what.

All that has GLITTERED need not necessarily be GOLD, and far from being so, may on closer examination be nothing else but COMMON DROSS, literally as well as metaphorically speaking.

It is not necessary to go into details. We all know it, we all understand now one another. The issue is plain, the striving is obvious, and the days of pros- and cons are of the past.

That great changes should have taken place is hardly anything to be astounded for. That the anti climax should have set in under such circumstances, is nothing to be amazed at, either, and what will happen, and how all this will finish, is in the laps of the GODS....

That you should have gone "NORTH" is obvious, for not only is it more "central", more "convenient", and what is more, "much nearer" which after all is very important.....

I quite realise that you must have "good reasons" for not divulging your future plans.... I further realise that "some" other good reasons do not allow you "to leave at once"....

I further realise that one must not get "too impatient" and that the "psychological" or most convenient "moment" must be awaited for... It is no good getting impatient, it will serve no good purpose... Of course, I need hardly add, that we are impatient, that we are inquisitive, but "still" it is no good, and I have no shadow of a doubt, that these good reasons, are "valid", and for the time being must be respected, as far as we are concerned.

Because, if you "could" tell us, you would "have told us". Yes, the "arced" has disillusioned us all, and believe me, it is not only a question of "hurting".... that I cannot help.... the thing that is so vital, is, in as far as all this "practical" and most deplorable experience has turned, out ~~for the worse~~.... This letter is more hurting... is more smarting... is indeed so painful, and the sooner the closing of this dark chapter does take place the better... It is this "closing" of the painful chapter that makes one so "uneasy", so "impatient".... One wants it closed, and be finished !!!!!.....

Though I read in your letter that you have not been able to get the money sent by Beile and "civi", I trust that you have eventually managed to get it by the time this letter ~~xxxxxx~~ is written. In your waiting for this transfer to Nijni-Novgorod you should have the time to do it.

As regards further remittances, you can rest assured that no more will be remitted by any of the family, under present condition and your present "whereabouts".

You know, Jerry, it is no more necessary to carry on this

very long correspondence as has been done in the past. To-day, it is obvious that we have arrived at conclusions which agree, if not in detail, at least, on the MAJOR ISSUES of the whole business, and it is hardly any desirable to carry on the type of correspondence, we did in the past.....

I am almost convinced, that judging by our correspondence we shall hardly, if anything at all disagree. I therefore propose, that our correspondence shall take, as far as I am concerned a different type, where the matters that will and must affect your future will more or less dealt with.

I shall try, and write more of family affairs, of business affairs, of South African Affairs, of world affairs, leaving the controversial and the political where it touches it out altogether.

The latter is not only undesirable, but under present conditions most essentially left out.

I shall try and give you interesting cuttings from newspapers, instead, and other all round news, that do not clash with the interest "over there".

Of course, that does not mean that you should not write in the same style that you have done hitherto, since the latter makes such interesting reading... However, keeping within "reasonable" bounds and do not exceed it, since there is a "limit" to everything that need be said with prudence.

I also want to state that I have been sending copies of your letters to Mr Fortes for the last two months, even a few of my long letters to you. I notice now that you want me to send copies of your letters to Joe Marcus and Max "aphaely". I shall do so. I however doubt the wisdom of broadcasting certain "factors" often coached upon. It may not be advisable to make these "common property" under the circumstances of "your present whereabouts". Later on, after your "evacuation" it will be different.... To be prudent is a "great virtue" at times....

However, I shall do so, as requested.

Of course, Jerry, there would be lots of things that I could comment on your letter, lots of things, you know. I am however, not going to do so, since it is not advisable.

I shall now break off, and resume later on when there is something more of interest to write.

I am still sending you four copies of every letter that I type you, i.e.

- (1) ORIGINAL
- (2) FIRST COPY
- (3) SECOND COPY
- (4) THIRD COPY

Also a ~~fourth~~ copy of each to (1) Beile, ~~xxxx~~ (2) Aaron (3) Leivi and, often (4) Fortes, and as I leave a copy ~~xx~~ for myself. I am therefore always typing 9 copies simultaneously.

I have nothing to complain about myself. I suppose, were you to drop in to-morrow in Tzaneen, you will hardly see any material difference. My financial position has materially improved, but of this, I shall write one day in a separate letter.

I am therefore closing my letter, with Fond regards and wishes for best of luck.